



Ontario Masters Cross Country Ski Association

THE BULLETIN

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ONTARIO MASTERS 2017

Greetings Master skiers. The Ontario Masters XC Ski Championships will be held at the GEORGIAN NORDIC SKI CLUB in Parry Sound, Ontario, on Feb 3, 4 5, 2017. Please note that this is a change from the previously announced event which was to be at North Bay Nordic. Due to a change in North Bay's personnel, they did not feel comfortable with hosting the race this year, and notified us at the end of the summer. We are thankful that Georgian Nordic has stepped up to the plate, and has agreed to host the 2017 event.

The courses will revert to the 'old' system:

Friday, February 3 Short (10 km) classic, starting 2 pm

Saturday, February 4 Long (20 km) classic or skate (one choice), starting 9 am or 11 am

Sunday, February 5 Short (10 km) skate, starting 9 am.

There will be a dinner/social on Friday evening at Georgian Nordic and Banquet on Saturday evening (location TBA). Further details will be in the November newsletter.

Registration for the Masters can be done through Zone4 or by submitting the race form attached with the next newsletter. Questions about the event or race information can be forwarded to Wendy Grater wendy@blackfeather.com.

CANADIAN MASTERS 2016

Charlo, New Brunswick will be the site of the 2017 Canadian Masters. Charlo is know for great snow conditions, and has excellent trails. This event will take place February 12-18, 2017 which is two weeks before the MWC 2017 so it should provide an excellent tune up. You can checkout the details on the Charlo bid here:

<http://www.canadian-masters-xc-ski.ca/documents/2017%20Masters%20Championship%20Bid.pdf>

MWC 2017 – KLOSTERS, SWITZERLAND

Approximately 70 Canadians have accommodations booked for Klosters. If anyone is still planning on going but do not have accommodations, please contact me ASAP. With the exception of Asiago, this will be the largest Canadian contingent to participate in Europe. As in previous years we will still be using the results of the short races to pick our relay teams. You will note that the relays will be held on the last day instead of in the middle of the event. While the deadline for registration is in January if you are only registering for MWC 2017, it is November 15, 2016 if you are doing the Engadin as well. In order to get the reduced rate for the Engadin you must be registered for both events by November 15.

The following Ontario Masters members have already booked accommodation in Klosters:

Joseph Kryger

Wendy Grater

Peter Remek

Marcus Boyle

ONTARIO MASTERS WEBSITE

Our Ontario Masters website is still there for skiing information. Thanks to Glenn Meeuwisse, who is the tech savy behind it, we can post interesting news items, articles or any other things of interest to Ontario Masters skiers. Check out www.onmastersxcski.ca. If you have any information that you would like posted, please contact Glenn at <glenn@pulseracing.ca> .

Also, the Canadian Masters website has undergone a renovation during the summer. Please check out www.canadian-masters-xc-ski.ca

ONTARIO LOPPETS 2017

We will be continuing with our Loppet Points Series for 2017. Russ Evans will have further details in our November issue of the newsletter. Preliminary date for some of the key loppets for 2017 are:

Yuletide Blast	December 17, 2017
Arrowhead Loppet	January 22, 2017
Souder Ski Tour	January 29, 2017
Ontario Masters	Feb 3 – 5, 2017
Gatineau Loppet	February 18, 19, 2017
Canadian Masters	February 12 – 18, 2017
Fischer/Swix Loppet	March 4, 2017

We will have a more complete listing of the 2017 Ontario Loppets in the November newsletter. Please send any ideas or comments to Russ Evans revans@cogeco.ca.

REGISTRATION

Please find attached the membership form for Ontario/Canadian Masters for 2015. You can also register online at www.zone4.ca. Please send any snail mail registration to:

Russ Evans, 24 Cortina Cres, Hamilton, ON L8K 4K4. Please make sure to have any cheques made out to Canadian Masters X-C Ski Association..

MEMBERSHIP

We thank the 19 members who have paid their membership in the off-season. We especially welcome 3 new members (Detlef Berndt, Daniele Gebhart, and Ted Larkin) and hope that they enjoy the activities of the Ontario and Canadian Masters Cross country Ski Associations.

Returning members are

Allan Butler	Marcel Crete	Peter Hoffman
Joseph Kryger	Rob LePage	Tom Lobsinger
Rauno Makinen	Keith Mercer	Jana & Karel Mika
George Milne	Glen Norcliffe	Christa Ramonat
Peter Remek	Risto Santala	Norm Spinks